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COUNTY EDUCATION OFFICE,

SHIRE HALL, GLOUCESTER.

7th Jan. 1927

Dear Mr Franklin

It was a most pleasant-
r refreshing visit, to be added to
many like memories; and I left
London yesterday feeling that a
great stride forward has been
made - that a greater is close
in front of us.

Dr Cootley White carried
me away as you saw to
tell me of his interview the day

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before with Mr Richards. As he is going to tell you himself I will not try to anticipate him. I have written to Mr Richards to ask if I may see the Report or else have a talk with him so that I may learn at first-hand of its contents - this Dr Costley White thought desirable.

The most serious thing is the unfavourable opinion

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formed of Mr Hardcastle's personality or capacity: they seem to have known that she was indicated as Mr Parish's probable successor.

On one or two points raised we may as a Council have to take action on the initiative of Dr Costley White or another - in particular with regard to the appointment of the Examiners.

With very kind regards

Sept 21 1968

most grateful thanks for
your kind hospitality

Yours very sincerely

H.W. Householder

~~Received~~
~~Sept 21 1968~~

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COUNTY EDUCATION OFFICE,

SHIRE HALL, GLOUCESTER.

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Dear Mrs Franklin

Miss Kitching has written to me, enclosing a copy of the letter she sent to you about the resolution that stands in my name for the meeting of the Executive Comm^{ee}. I therefore send you a copy of the reply that I am sending her today.

Very kind regards

Yours very sincerely
H. W. Houseman
P. R. O.

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P.S. Since I wrote the above the
morning's letters have been brought
in and I have read your reply
to Miss Kitching, as well as
copies of Miss Parish's & Lady
Collesloe's letters.

They do not move me
further than this, that I should
be willing (if you were) to
accept an instruction to bring
up a considered scheme at
the next meeting, or to

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refer the proposal (if approved
in principle as it surely will
be) to a small Committee
to work out a scheme.

Mr. Household's Reply.

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C O P Y

COUNTY EDUCATION OFFICE
SHIRE HALL
GLOUCESTER

24th January 1927

Dear Miss Parish,

I do not think that the memorandum enclosed with your letter of the 21st really meets the occasion.

It almost suggests that sound teaching can be better given and Miss Mason's principles more thoroughly grasped by people of relatively imperfect education than by graduates of the highest standing. That is fundamentally unsound position which we cannot even appear to maintain in the face of the world; if we do we must be content to carry on our work in a small and obscure corner of it.

Surely the whole purpose of giving such a training as Mrs. Franklin and I have in mind is to create the right attitude of mind in the graduate, whether a specialist or not. It is certain that we must recruit them in large numbers before long, and it would be a sorry thing if we had to admit at the outset that we cannot do it because "they are all specialists and treat their work from the point of view of the subject rather than from that of the children"; or that we cannot do it without sending them to the House of Education which has so far shewn great reluctance to admit them - and probably rightly on the ground that they will not - cannot - fit into the methods and discipline of the place; and which could not possibly admit the numbers whom we shall have to equip to use the methods.

The principle of the resolution must be adopted if we are to rise to what the occasion demands of us: the details of the scheme which shall give effect to it can be worked out later: but the admission of two or six or nine graduates to the House of Education will not provide what is required.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) H.W. Household

Miss Parish
House of Education
Ambleside,
Westmoreland

P.S. I am forwarding the memorandum to Mrs. Franklin with a copy of this letter.

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10th Mar. 1927.

Sent to Training Colleges (Elementary)
and For Secondary Teachers on pp. 319,
320 of Whitaker.

I venture to write to you in the belief that the work of the Parents' National Educational Union, founded by Miss Charlotte Mason, is known to you, and that the increasing part which Miss Mason's philosophy and methods of teaching are playing in the educational system of our country have come under your observation.

The Parents' Union School curriculum, originally intended for the home schoolroom, has found its way from there to private, preparatory and secondary schools, and, during the last ten years, to an increasing number of public elementary schools, some four hundred of which are now being taught by these methods, using the prescribed books, and following the programmes of work devised by the Director of the Parents' Union School at Ambleside.

It is important therefore that young teachers should be able to study Miss Mason's principles of education and obtain practice in her methods of teaching during their period of training. Moreover, at the Headmasters' Conference held last December in Brighton, Dr. Lyttelton introduced a discussion on Charlotte Mason's methods, and, following a resolution proposed by me and seconded by Dr. Norwood, Headmaster of Harrow, a sub-committee was formed to discuss the whole question. In consequence of this, we foresee a larger demand for

teachers qualified to teach on these lines. The Training College of our Union, founded by Charlotte Mason at Ambleside, cannot meet the already existing demand for teachers for home schoolrooms, small classes and private schools; and it is probable that preparatory and possibly public schools may in the future adopt Miss Mason's methods, and will therefore require teachers trained in them who are also graduates of a university. My Committee has, therefore, appointed a sub-committee to consider the best lines of meeting this demand.

This sub-committee feels that very little can be done without the co-operation of the Training Departments of the British Universities, and would respectfully ask the Directors of the Training Departments to consider the possibility of introducing into their syllabuses the principal books of Charlotte Mason, and of including among the optional questions in their examination papers questions that bear upon them. This sub-committee would also ask that students studying for the diploma, who wish to qualify to use the Charlotte Mason methods, should be allowed to gain their practice in teaching in such schools as are recognised as efficient exponents of those methods.

I hope you will be good enough to give this letter your earnest consideration and will allow representatives of the sub-committee to call upon you at a not too distant date to discuss the subject further.

Yours truly,

Chairman of the Executive of the P.N.E.U. and
Headmaster of Westminster School.

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Technology, Manchester.

COUNTY EDUCATION OFFICE,

SHIRE HALL, GLOUCESTER.

30.5.27

Dear Mrs Franklin

I finished the letters yesterday.
I am very glad indeed to have
read them before going to
Ambleside, for I have a much
clearer understanding, fortified by
text & example, of what you have
been & done in the long & difficult
task of bringing the educational
world to a knowledge of Miss
Massey's teaching & principles.

Without you it is plain to
me after reading these letters the

World would never have known at all.

I was not without some idea that it was so. I could not see as much of Rip Masan as I did or know Rip Kitching so well, without hearing much that tended that way. And of course I can see for myself what you are doing that no one else could do - always keeping the movement before the world in the best & wisest way. You

have been the great organiser throughout. You knew Rip Masan's mind as no other living being knew it: the letters tell that: and had an influence with her (as well as with the world) without which her own generation would never have been won to knowledge of her.

I am immensely grateful to you for letting me see that; & for enabling me to understand too the intimate sympathy & oneness of spirit in religious

thought. Miss Kitching no
doubt knows that but Miss
Parish seems to have no
inkling of it.

With very kind regards

Yours very sincerely

H.W. Houseman

P.S. Thank you. I will
gratefully stay with you for
the night of the 22nd June.

I am returning the
letters by registered post
today.